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SUBJ: PATRIA Y LIBERTAD LEADER ARRESTED

REF: SANTIAGO 3811

1. SUMMARY: PRIMARY WEEKEND EVENTS WERE ARREST OF PATRIA Y LIBERTAD LEADER ROBERTO THIEME AND RENEWAL OF TRANSPORT STRIKE NEGOTIATIONS. CABINET CHANGES EXPECTED THIS WEEK WITH CONTINUED RUMORS THAT PRATS AND/OR BRIONES MIGHT BE INCLUDED. END SUMMARY.

2. PATRIA Y LIBERTAD LEADER ROBERTO THIEME AND NINE OTHERS ARRESTED LATE SAT EVENING IN SANTIAGO RESTAURANT. EARLIER IN SAME DAY INVESTIGATIONS POLICE, REPORTEDLY IN PURSUIT OF PYL MEMBERS, HAD SEARCHED HOME OF SOFOFA PRES ORLANDO SAENZ. THIEME WHO HAS FOUR SEPARATE WARRANTS OUT FOR HIS ARREST PUT UP NO RESISTANCE. HIS CASE HAS FALLEN INTO THE JUDICIAL BAILIWICK OF SANTIAGO APPEALS COURT JUDGE ENRIQUE PAILLAS LONG A UP BETE NOIRE FOR HIS ALLEGEDLY BIASED AND OVERLY FAVORABLE HANDLING OF THE VIAUX CASE.

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3. STRIKING TRANSPORT OWNERS AND MINPUBLIC WORKS GEN MAGLIOCCHETTI

RESUMED CONVERSATIONS OVER WEEKEND AFTER JAILED VALPARAISO STRIKE LEADERS RELEASED ON BAIL. GEN RAUL CONTRERAS REPLACED GEN HERMAN BRADY AS INTERVENTOR ALL STRIKING TRANSPORT. BRADY NAMED AS HEAD SANTIAGO ARMY GARRISON IN WAKE RESIGNATION GEN MARIO SEPULVEDA. MAGLIOCCHETTI FLATLY REJECTED AS "UNACCEPTABLE" AND "POLITICAL" STRIKERS' DEMANDS THAT GOVT HAND OVER TO THEM NEW TRUCKS WHICH IN PAST MONTHS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO STATE AGENCIES AND STATE-OWNED FACTORIES, THAT THREE AREAS CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM BE PROMULGATED AND THAT WHATEVER STRIKE ACCORDS REACHED BE SOLIDIFIED BY CONGRESSIONAL LAW. MAGLIOCCHETTI ALSO NOTED THAT GOVT AND BUS AND TAXI OWNERS HAD BASICALLY REACHED AGREEMENT ON PRACTICALLY ALL POINTS AND THAT DELAY IN RESOLVING STRIKE PROMPTED BY TRUCK OWNERS' DEMANDS. UP PRESS PLAYING HARD ON THEME THAT DIVISION EXISTS WITHIN RODADO AND HEADLINES THAT TAXI AND BUSES ABOUT TO RETURN TO WORK WHETHER STRIKE SETTLED OR NOT.

4. NO FIRM INDICATION AS YET WHEN NEW CABINET WILL BE ANNOUNCED. ACCORDING TO OPPOSITION PRESS, THIS WILL BE ALLENDE'S 21ST CABINET SHAKEUP. WHILE UP PRESS AND POLITICAL FIGURES CONTINUE TO SING PRAISES TO HIS NAME, CARLOS PRATS REMAINS A RUMORED CABINET CANDIDATE AS DOES FORMER MININTERIOR CARLOS BRIONES. MORNING PRESS SPECULATES THAT BRIONES MIGHT TAKE UP OLD PORTFOLIO WHILE LETELIER MOVES OVER TO DEFENSE. WE HAVE REPORTS THAT LETELIER WAS ORIGINALLY LEFT OUT OF CABINET IN AUG 9 CHANGE THAT BROUGHT THREE CINCS IN, AND THAT ONLY AFTER HIS OUTRAGED PERSONAL PROTEST TO ALLENDE WAS HE GIVEN THE INTERIOR POSITION.

5. NUMEROUS INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE REPORTED OVER WEEKEND. OPPOSITION PRESS HEADLINED NAVY'S DISCOVERY IN CONCEPCION OF LARGE MIR ARSENAL. UP CONCEPCION GOVERNOR QUOTED IN SIGLO AS DENYING STORY. THREE PEOPLE ARRESTED SUNDAY AFTER SHOTS FIRED AT SANTIAGO RODADO HEADQUARTERS. ANOTHER WORKING TRUCK DRIVER KILLED WHEN STRUCK BY A HEAVY PIECE OF METAL THROWN THROUGH HIS WINDSHIELD. BOMBS DESTROYED A NUMBER OF SANTIAGO STORES OVER WEEKEND. SOME OF THE STORES REPORTED HAD BEEN COOPERATING WITH LOCAL JAPS.

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